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Docket No. GC198-6

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Ilkka Kruus, *et al.*

Serial No.: 08/831,277

Filed: April 1, 1997

For: Oxygen Bleaching of Pulp

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Alvo, M.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 35 USC § 1.11

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Assistant Director for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2000, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. For the convenience of the Examiner, the pending claims showing amendments requested in this Request are attached as Appendix I.

In the Claims.

Please amend claim 8 to read,

8. The process according to claim 11, wherein the xylanase is added in an amount of about 0.5 – 25 U/g calculated on the dry solids of the pulp.